

HOW RESULT OF ELECTION IS TO BE PROCLAIMED

Text of Enabling Act Give Machinery For Virginia's First Effort in Lawmaking at Polls.

Eliminating those sections which relate to the manner of circulating petitions and for the calling of the election, and various other details, such as the fee for petitions for posting lists of voters, the sections of the enabling act having an immediate bearing on to-morrow's State-wide prohibition election are as follows:

The proper official canvassers of general election results shall canvass these returns in like manner as other election returns, and shall certify the number of votes cast for and against State-wide prohibition, respectively, and shall certify, and record, and said canvassers shall file their said certificates in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of the county, in the case of a county or town, and in the office of the clerk of the Corporation Court in the case of a city, at the case may be, and shall forward at once by registered mail to the Secretary of the Commonwealth a duplicate copy of their certificate, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall, within fifteen days from the date of the said election or soon thereafter as he shall obtain said return make and certify to the Governor a statement showing the total number of votes cast for and against State-wide prohibition, respectively, and upon receipt of this statement the Governor shall forthwith issue a proclamation declaring the result of the election and calling attention to the effect under this act.

If, upon receipt by the Governor of a certificate from the secretary of the Commonwealth showing the result of such election, it shall appear to the governor that a majority of the votes cast at such election have been against State-wide prohibition, then the laws in relation to the licensing of the manufacture and sale and dispensing of intoxicating liquors thereto in effect at the date of the approval of this act shall continue in force, unless or until changed by the General Assembly of Virginia.

If, upon receipt by the Governor of a certificate from the secretary of the Commonwealth, showing the result of such election, it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast at such election shall have voted for State-wide prohibition, then he shall issue his proclamation to this effect, and on and after the first day of November, 1916, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, social club, firm, corporation to manufacture, for sale, all or purchase for sale, transport for sale, dispense, or otherwise dispose of any spirituous, vinous, fermented, distilled or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters within this State, except for medicinal, scientific, sacramental or mechanical purposes, as may be allowed under the provisions of such acts as the General Assembly may from time to time pass, and said regular session held next after the date of such election allowing such sale for such purposes, and except wine and its byproducts other than brandy and such other byproducts as contain no greater percentage of alcohol than wine may be manufactured from grapes, berries and fruits by any person, firm or corporation now manufacturing wine in this State, provided, the wine or by-products are not the sole or principal contents of any less than two and one half gallons or one dozen bottles and be delivered to a common carrier to be transported outside of the state of Virginia into territory where the same may be sold legally.

And except that all malt liquors containing not more than three and one-half percentum in volume, of alcohol may be manufactured by any person, firm or corporation now manufacturing malt liquors in this State, provided, such malt liquor is contained in packages of not less than five gallons or not less than two dozen bottles, and be delivered to a common carrier to be transported outside of the state of Virginia into territory where the same may be sold legally; and any person or persons, social club, firm, or corporation so manufacturing, selling, dispensing or disposing of any spirituous, vinous, fermented, distilled or malt liquors, shall be liable for all the penalties now or hereafter prescribed for manufacturing, selling, dispensing or disposing of ardent spirits without a license.

It is provided that nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting the present law concerning the manufacture and sale of cider.

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